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- Alice Harding—9.5. Mid-season. Considered by Lemoine as his best introduction. Flow-ers of refined form and texture with delicate coloring and sweet fragrance. Creamy white with soft pink guard petals, which are flushed darker on reverse. \$3.00.
- Baroness Schroeder—9.0. Late mid-season. A large double flesh-white to soft pink, with a delicate rose fragrance. The very high rating tells its own story. 75c.
- Doris Shaylor—9.1. One of the highest rated pinks. A very lovely mid-season variety.
- E. B. Browning—9.1. Late. Very fragrant extra large, creamy-white with soft yellow glow in its depths. A magnificent variety.
- E. C. Shaw—9.1. A delightful fragrant clear soft-rose. Very large flowers. Late bloomer. Extra fine. \$1.25.
- Festiva Maxima—9.3. Large, early, pure milk-white with a few crimson flecks at the centre. Perfect rose type. 50c.
- Frances Willard—9.1. A constant prize winner. Very large fragrant blush-white when first open, changing to pure white. Late mid-season. \$1.00.
- Frankie Curtis—9.3. A very large, perfect bomb type, with collar of large prominent guard petals, surrounded by a perfect chrysanthemum-like centre. Opens delicate flesh, changing to pure white with a pink blush down in the heart of the petals. Mid-season. \$2.50.
- Grace Loomis—9.2. A very handsome large, fragrant white with lemon tints reflected in the centre. Prof. Saunder's finest introduction. Late. \$2.00.
- Hansina Brand—9.1. Fine large deep flowers of dark flesh-pink, shading deeper at the base, with a lovely salmon glow through-
- Jeannot—9.2. One of the very finest. Large globular rose-type flower of delicate fleshpink, softly tinted lavender, lighted salmonpink at base of petals. Late. A superb land-scape variety. \$1.50.
- John M. Good—9.3. Large globular rose-type flowers of purest white. Perfect in plant and flower. Late mid-season. \$2.00.
- Kelway's Glorious—9.8. Ties with Therese as the second highest rated Peony. Immense flowers of rose-type, creamy white rose fragrance. No other Peony of such perfect form. Mid-season. \$1.50.
- Lady Alexandra Duff-9.1. One of the very best Peonies both for landscape and garden planting. Delightfully fragrant. Large flat, semi-rose flowers of varying form, all but the terminal flower usually being beautiful saucer shaped discs. Soft pink and white. Mid-season. 75c.
- Le Cygne—9.9. The highest rated Peony and fully justifies its distinction. Very large, early ivory-white without the slightest trace of any other color. Exquisitely fragrant. Perfect rose type. A perfect bloom to every stem. Early. \$2.50.
- Mabel L. Franklin—9.0. Very large, brilliant rose-pink with pronounced lemon fragrance. The originator's masterpiece. Mid-season.
- Martha Bullock—9.1. A mammoth flower sometimes measuring up to 12 inches in diameter. A fine landscape variety and a great "show" flower. Color silvery-shell pink at the centre, deepening to a deep rose-pink. Exquisite rose-fragrance. Late. \$1.00.
- Matilda Lewis—9.0. A large, rich dark crimson—nearly as dark as Mons. Martin Cahuzac, but redder. Late mid-season.
- Milton Hill—9.0. This late flowering variety is one of the very finest Peonies in existence, either for the landscape or garden effect, or as a cut flower. It leaves nothing to be desired in a lovely pink Peony, of the greatest refinement. Very fragrant. \$1.00.
- Mme. Jules Dessert—9.4. As will be noticed this rates close to the top. Delicate flesh-pink shading to creamy-white with a golden glow at the centre, reflected from the golden stamens. Late mid-season. \$1.00.

TOP-RATING

FOR PERPETUAL BEAUTY

EMEMBER in planning your garden, and with special reference to Peonies, that no Peony in this list has an American Peony Society Rating below 9.0—which is a very high official score. Unattainable perfection in a Peony would win a rating of 10, which never has been known. 9.0 means very superior quality; 8.5 is exceedingly good; 8.0 is high quality; 7.5 is held to be creditable; and only those rated under 7.5 are considered poor. But let me repeat: there is no Peony in this list rated 7.5 or 8.0 or 8.5, but only those rated 9.0 to 9.9. In fact every Peony rated above 9.0 is to be found with this group.

If your house and grounds and gardens are said to reflect the aura of "class," you can best maintain such an enviable reputation by keeping well up to your own standards, and these officially rated Peonies furnish an example of what "certified quality" really means. At present our five most highly approved varieties are "Le Cygne," rated 9.9—so close to perfection!—then "Therese," rated 9.8; "Kelway's Glorious" 9.8; "Solange" 9.7; and "Mrs. A. M. Brand" 9.6.

No investment for your garden will fetch you more satisfying returns than one for Peonies of the quality we maintain. Left undisturbed, perhaps almost neglected in the matter of scientific care, these plants will work out their own destiny and show marvelous growth and improvement for as long a period as a score of years or more, practically on their own!

Botanists in studying the family trees of some of the proud and haughty clans of the garden, have definitely traced the Peony's ancestry to the modest, shy, and highly respectable buttercup of the pastures and meadows; but sophistication and an exalted social position have wrought amazing transformations in the buttercup's city cousins. Under the patient, untiring, and determined attention of horticulturists, the Peonies have attained Royal Rank in the garden, and they are accorded Parallelement of the product of the product and they are accorded Parallelement. they are accorded Royal honors and consideration wherever they may appear in the company of horticultural distinction. Make your selections carefully from our list, giving thought and due weight to your preferences in color and form, and if you plant them with due care, and show them a proper respect, you may be reasonably certain of having a garden without regrets, and a family possession that may become a veritable heirloom.



Longfellow-9.0. A bright crimson variety that is a constant prize-winner and equally attractive in the garden. Mid-season, \$1.00.

- Mons. Jules Elie—9.2. Early. Although we sell this highly rated variety at a low price it is one of the largest and most striking of the pink Peonies, being a gigantic flower of perfect crown type, the centre being like a large show Chrysanthemum, with large prominent guard petals. Early flowering and has a pleasing fragrance. See color illustration front cover. 75c.
- Mrs. A. M. Brand—9.6. One of the five highest rated Peonies. One of the most re-markable Peonies ever introduced. Re-ceived the Gold Medal of the American Peony Society for its superior merit. Very large, perfect rose-form, pure white throughout and exquisitely fragrant. \$3.00.
- Mrs. C. S. Minot—9.2. Very large flesh-pink with coppery tints. Extra fine. Late. \$1.50.
- Mrs. Edw. Harding-9.3. This variety sold for \$100.00 not long ago. It is a very large handsome pure white with delicate golden reflection from the concealed stamens. Midseason, \$1.25.
- Myrtle Gentry—9.1. Late mid-season. A beautiful and refined flower and one of the very finest of all Peonies. Color rosy-white, suffused with tints of flesh and salmon. Pleasing fragrance. \$2.00.
- Nancy Dolman—9.1. Late. A huge bloom, so full and compact that it usually requires 10 days to fully develop after the bud first begins to open. AWARDED A SILVER MEDAL BY THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA. Color a beautiful soft pink throughout. \$2.00.
- Philippe Rivoire—9.2. Richly rose scented, early, very dark crimson with blackish sheen. The American Peony Society has declared this as the best red Peony in the world. True rose-type of perfectly symmetrical form, without any sign of stamens. The bright velvety crimson color holds without fading throughout the life of the flower. Has a delightful rose fragrance which is rare in red Peonies. A magnificent landscape variety. \$1.50.
- President Wilson—9.3. A magnificent full rose-type flower that opens soft rose-pink changing to shell pink. Has a rich spicy fragrance. One of the best landscape varieties. Late blooming. Recently sold for \$20.00 \$1.50.
- Solange-9.7. Third highest rating. Coffee and cream color. Just put a lot of cream in your coffee and you have the color. No other Peony like it. Perfect rose-type. Late flowering. \$1.00.
- Souv. de Louis Bigot—9.1. One of the most distinct of all pink varieties. Very large fragrant rose-type flowers with fringed petals of bright Bengal-rose, slightly tinged carmine at the base, changing to salmonpink, with a silvery reflex. Late mid-season. \$1.00.
- Therese—9.8. The second highest rated Peony and considered the world's best pink. Very large rose-type with a delightful fragrance. Equally fine for landscape or show purposes. Mid-season. \$1.00.
- Tourangelle—9.4. Late. One of the most beautiful and delicate of all Peonies. Large fragrant pearly white with a tan and pink suffusion. \$1.00.
- Walter Faxon—9.3. One of the finest of all Peonies. Soft coral-pink shaded lighter at the ends of the petals and deeper rose-pink at the base. Delightfully fragrant. A superb show flower. Mid-season. \$1.00.

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REMEMBER

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That any of these Peonies

that I am listing in this

folder, when once planted in

your garden, will become

more beautiful each year,

for a period of twenty years or more. Therefore your in-

vestment is for a lifetime.

It pays to have the best,

when they can be had for

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such modest sums.

Imperial

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ALL FOR ONLY \$3.25

Three of them alone are worth more than the price of the collection. The other three are given FREE.

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If you feel a burning ambition to own the finest Peonies that ever have been seen in your neighborhood or that will take the prizes in your local flower shows, then accept my friendly assurance that this truly "Imperial" Collection is just what you are looking for. Strong, vigorous 3- to 6-eye flowering size divisions, from three year old plants.

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- Coffee-and-Cream Colored Peony-There is no other way to describe the unusual color of this marvelous Peony. Put a lot of cream in your coffee and you have it. One of the world's five best.
- A Very Large, Double, Fragrant, Soft Rose Pink that is the originator's masterpiece.
- A Large, Double, Very Fragrant, Bright Crimson that is constantly winning prizes in every show.
- A Magnificent, Exquisitely Fragrant Milk White-A very large flower of perfect form.
- A Gorgeous Fragrant Deep Pink-One of the best of this color.



Imperial PEONY Collection

Superlatively Beautiful Peonies \$5 As Described at Left All Different-Each Labeled

GUARANTEED \$5.00 VALUE





BEAUTIFUL DOUBLE PEONIES for

DEEP BRIGHT PINK PURE SNOW WHITE DEEP RICH CRIMSON SOFT APPLE **BLOSSOM PINK** SOFT FLESH COLOR

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Top Rated Varieties Ready to Bloom

This popular and extremely choice collection of absolutely TOP-RATED VARIETIES—according to the standards of the American Peony Society—provides you the rich foundation for a personal Peony collection, to afford you and your friends a lifetime of satisfaction and pleasure. My own selections will give you a marvelous range of colors, and quality beyond your fondest dreams. All strong, vigorous 3- to 6-eye flowering size divisions, from three year old plants.

ALL FIVE, MY SELECTION, EACH CAREFULLY LABELED-For \$2.00 NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE IN THESE COLLECTIONS

A COMPLETE TREATISE ON "HOW TO GROW I



SUPERB Single Peony Collection

A MAGNIFICENT WHITE—Snow-white petals, surrounding

A VELVETY DEEP GARNET—Rich and striking, splendid

A LOVELY SHELL PINK—For all the world like a giant wild

Cultural Directions Included

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Outstanding SINGLE PEONIES

Ideal for Cut Flowers ... Magnificent in the Garden . . . Beautiful for Landscape Effects



CINGLE Peonies are extremely hardy, long lived, and generally Satisfactory in any garden. They produce flowers in great abundance, even under unfavorable weather conditions in seasons of drought or heavy rains. While not so well-known as the Double Peonies they are by many considered even more beautiful.

Their striking bi-color effects and simple forms win friends quickly everywhere, and they are coming into a definite vogue in many sections as highly desirable for cut flowers and in artistic arrangements.

At night they close up with the fading light and cooler air, but they open again in the morning and actually appear refreshed and brighter for their night's rest. Our collections of beautiful and popular varieties are very effective in mass plantings, and form brilliant displays; in fact there is nothing finer for landscape planting, on account of their great profusion of bloom and the fact that they are always held erect on straight, stout stems.

WILD ROSES" MILLO SEMI-DOUBLE PEONY REARTS OF GOLD "WILD ROSES" WITH

Rare . . . Extremely Handsome . . .

These hardy Northern Asiatic Peonies are often described as "wild roses with hearts of gold," because of their semi-double arrangement of petals, with the prominent golden centers formed by stamens that have been transformed into petaloids. The large, substantial petals, usually in two rows of overlapping layers, are of a rather heavy texture with a smooth and shining surface like lustrous satin, often as bright as burnished metal. Well established in a permanent home, they will thrive and multiply for a lifetime, and yield heavy crops of gorgeous flowers in ever increasing volume. The illustration not only fails to do them fair justice: it creates a false impression of the commonplace in form and effect, but is the only illustration available and gives a faint idea of the form. They should always have a chance to make their appeal to the ciritical eye, in all the brave array of color and texture and elegance

A BRILLIANT RED A FINE SNOW WHITE A LOVELY SOFT PINK

All Three for

ALL LABELED Cultural Directions Included



Semi-Double Peony-About One-Fifth Actual Size





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Cultural Directions Included

THE LUSCIOUS BARTLETT PEAR (Greatly Reduced) ONE OF THE "5-IN-1" PEARS

"MIRACLE" 5-IN-1 PLUM TREE

The delightful effect of these multi-colored fruits hanging on one tree is partly shown in the illustration above. Of course the fruit is about four or five times larger, and only three varieties are shown in the illustration, but the tree will produce five varieties of luscious plums. Plum trees are almost entirely free from disease and are easy to grow almost anywhere. They prefer a heavy clay soil but even this is not necessary. The varieties of plums produced on this ONE TREE ORCHARD are Burbank, Abundance, Red June, Wickson, and American, five of the finest and most delicious of all plums in red, purple, yellow, etc.

"MIRACLE" 5-IN-1 PEAR TREE

This is one of the greatest novelties ever offered to the horticultural world. Delicious tree ripened fruit is most healthful, and every one with any kind of a garden can find room for one or more of these marvelous multi-fruited trees. Your neighbors will be amazed and you will have a lifetime of enjoyment for a small investment. The varieties of pears on this tree are the Bartlett, Keiffer, Garber, Early Harvest, and Koonce, five of the finest pears that grow, juicy, highly flavored, early and late.

"MIRACLE" 5-IN-1 PEACH TREE

J. H. Hale illustrated in actual size at right, is just one of the five delicious varieties of peaches produced on one tree. The others are Elberta, Golden Jubilee, Red Bird, and Belle of Georgia—the five finest peaches grown. You can have these large sweet, juicy peaches, all growing and ripening to their rosy and golden glory, providing luscious fruit early, mid-season, and late, all on one single magical tree. It sounds fantastic but it is true. These trees are sure to prove a sensation in your community. These peach trees are hardy right up into Canada.

"MIRACLE" PEACH-PLUM-APRICOT TREE

This is the greatest novelty of them all, with three entirely different kinds of fruit on one tree; first, the "Hale-Haven" Peach, an improvement on the J. H. Hale Peach illustrated at right, and the greatest peach of all time; second, the "Burbank" Plum, which is world famous and one of the most delicious of all plums; third, the "Superb" Apricot, the finest apricot produced to date. It sounds unbelievable to have three entirely different kinds of fruit on one tree and it certainly will prove a sensation in your community.



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"MIRACLE" 5-IN-1 APPLE TREE

Five different apples on one tree. Red Apples, Yellow Apples, Early Apples, Late Apples, Sweet Apples, Tart Apples, Eating Apples, Cooking Apples, apples to suit every taste and for every purpose-all you want of them. Instead of having an apple tree that bears just one variety of fruit all at one time, plant one of these ONE TREE ORCHARDS, and pick fresh tree ripened fruit all summer and fall. The varieties on this "5-IN-1" Apple Tree are:

> Double Red Delicious—The finest red eating apple. Yellow Delicious-A yellow form of above. Red Rome Beauty—A champion late red apple. Yellow Transparent—The finest early summer apple. Staymans Winesap—A delicious all-purpose late apple.

These trees offer utility, novelty, and beauty all in one, for there is nothing finer than an apple tree in full bloom in early Spring. The trees are hardy in the most severe climates and require no special care.

"MIRACLE" 5-IN-1 CHERRY TREE

The five varieties of cherries on this tree are Windsor, a very large sweet juicy cherry of dark color almost black; Early Richmond, which is unsurpassed for cooking purposes; Montmorency, a late variety for cooking; Gov. Wood, a large sweet yellow cherry; and Black Tartarian, the famous sweet "black" cherry. These are five of the finest cherries grown.







"MIRACLE" BUSH CHERRY—This new bush cherry, illustrated above as it blossoms in the springtime, is the result of 40 years cross breeding. The fruit is large and delicious to eat from the bush and makes a wonderful jam of superb flavor and richest color imaginable. The bush branches from the ground up and is literally covered with its delicious fruit all along the full length of the twigs and branches, just as it is covered with attractive snow-white blossoms in the spring. The blossoms are followed by silvery green foliage, turning to rich red and gold in the fall, so that the bush is always highly ornamental. They are superb as a hedge or foundation planting, or as specimen shrubs planted anywhere in the garden. The fruit of course may all be picked without the use of a ladder. They are hardy from coast to coast and from the Gulf of Mexico right into Canada. The strong plants I will send are bearing size and will produce many times their cost in delicious fruit each season.

\$1.50 each; 3 for \$3.75; 6 for \$6.00; 12 for \$10.00.



A NEW HYBRID

NEW PLUM - CHERRY HYBRID - Something entirely new. The fruit is of a delicious sweetness and in favorable seasons will bear fruit the year after planting. Color of skin and fruit rich intense purplish black-red. Hardy everywhere even in the most severe climate of our extreme Northern States and Canada. Branches from the ground up in shrub form so that all fruit is within reach from the ground. A prodigious bearer, as the strength of the plant all goes into producing fruit and not surplus wood, the limbs and branches being covered with a solid mass of delicious fruit. Strong 3 to 4 foot trees, ready to bear fruit next year.



Only Grafted Wisterias Can be Relied Upon to Bloom Like This

NEW PLUM-CHERRY **HYBRIDS**

\$1.50 Each 3 for \$3.75 6 for \$6.00 12 for \$10.00





"Super" WISTERIAS

THE lovely, graceful, impressive Wisterias will grow—almost always—all over your verandas and up to the roof tops—but will they bloom for you? That is a not infrequent question, for some large plants, perhaps bought for a song, have been known to produce an abundance of foliage but no flowers. You will never have this problem if you plant the extra-strong Wisterias which I am offering you; because they are all grafted and grown from flowering wood of choice selected plants—all ready to provide you with a great profusion of fragrant bloom throughout a lifetime, just like the illustration at the left. It pays to buy only the best to avoid disappointment.

> WHITE OR PURPLE (Your choice) \$1.50 each 3 for \$4.00 6 for \$7.50

Lovely AMARYLLIS Hybrids

The most striking house plant and easy to grow indoors. See illustration above. Plant one bulb to a pot, with two-thirds of the bulb above ground. Cultural directions sent with each order. Each flower stalk has from 2 to 6 huge lily-like blossoms. in colors from the most vivid reds through intermediate shades to pinks and white. When I say "huge" I mean that each flower is from 5 to 10 inches across. There are solid colors, striped and blended effects. Put a few pots in your window for winter flowering and watch results.

Strong flowering size bulbs 50c each 6 for \$2.25 12 for \$4.00 100 for \$30.00

Rars, Exquisite TREE PEONIES

IN ALL THE WORLD THERE IS NO FINER FLOWER THAN THE TREE PEONY

REE PEONIES" are—mark the distinction!—actually among the rarest and choicest of all garden flowers, and not as well-known as they must be eventually, for acquaintance wins them the instant admiration and loyalty of all garden enthusiasts. Unlike the Herbaceous Peonies that we are most familiar with, the Tree Peonies do not wither down to the ground in the Fall, in a sort of annual death, but establish for themselves a sturdy and enduring woody growth not unlike that of the rhododendron; and like the rhododendron, they flourish and grow, spreading outward and upward each year until they are among the prominent figures of the garden.

A thriving Tree Peony will show you fifty or more magnificent blooms at once, and increase its lavish production year after year through a long and worthy lifetime. They are hardy in the New York latitude and they will bloom by the middle of May on Long Island, 2 or 3 weeks earlier than other Peonies. I offer you plants grafted on Herbaceous Peony roots—the most approved method of propagation, but they soon

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Archiduc Ludovico—Enormous wide flower, double flesh-pink turning soft lilac. \$3.75.

Athlete—Immense double flower of fine glazed mauve, shaded rose, vigorous grower. \$3.75.

Baronne D'Ales—Very large, beautifully imbricated flowers of vivid salmon pink. \$4.50.

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Flora—New. Immense flowers of pure transparent white. Magnificent. \$20.00.

Georges Paul—New amaranth and violet. \$5.00.

Jules Pirlot—Large globular flower, satiny pink, flushed carmine. \$4.50.

Lactea—Pure white, blotched carmine. \$4.50.

La Lorraine—Very large, full double flowers, of sulphur yellow. One of the finest of all Peonies. Has received many notable awards. **\$10.00**.

Mme. de Vatry—Large globular bloom. Satiny pink shaded violet. General effect lilac. \$4.50.

Reine Elizabeth—Vivid salmon rose. A perfectly shaped flower. One of the best. \$4.50. Satin Rouge—A new blood orange. \$12.50.

Souvenir de Ducher—Large globular bloom, bright reddish violet with silvery reflex. \$5.00.

Souvenir de Maxime Cornu—Exquisite fragrance. Deep yellow heavily shaded orange salmon. Flowers 8 inches or more across and of superb form and coloring. A perfect Peony. \$7.50.

Surprise—Straw yellow, pale salmon, and rose purple. Fragrant. \$10.00.

Triumphe de Vandermaelen—Clear rose purple brighter in center. \$4.50.

ONE EACH OF THE ABOVE TREE PEONIES-\$100.00

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